Vaippil Padi-Thirumanivenkitapuram Road.

22. *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any improvement has been made in the "Vaippil Padi-Thirumanivenkitapuram road" in the year 1119-1120 as provided for in the Budget ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: No. But improvements have been sanctioned and await execution.

Cost of labour and materials used for P. W. D. Works in the Kottayam Division.

23. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have studied the differences in the cost of labour and materials used for P. W. D. works in 1117, 1118 and 1119 in the Kottayam Division ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: Yes.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know what is the P. W. D. rate for a labourer in the Kottayam Division in the year 1119 ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: 75 per cent. more than the average of rates that existed in the year 1118.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know what are the actual rates ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: The rates vary from time to time and that is what is indicated in the answer.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the member has got the exact figure ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: No, Sir, at present.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Is the member aware that the actual rate paid for the P. W. D. labour is very much lower than the rate paid for direct labour ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: If there is any such disparity in rates, I will enquire into the matter.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: There will be a disparity of three fourth times the direct rate.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member says that the ordinary rates are much higher than those paid for P. W. D. labourer. Then, why do people go into the P. W. D. for work ?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: That is the reason why P. W. D. works are being delayed. There are several works which have not yet been taken on account of such disparity in rates.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know the number of hours that a P. W. D labourer is working per diem ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: It depends on the nature of the locality where the labourer is working. It will come to about 7 to 8 hours in a day.

Improvements to the Thovala Channel.

24. *MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state if they have received any report from their subordinates of the Engineer's department on the

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(*d*) The Medical Council will be meeting shortly for the purpose.

(*e*) This does not arise in view to the answer to part (*d*).

Travancore Medical Council.

36. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications received for registration by the Travancore Medical Council;

(*b*) the number of applications accepted ; and

(*c*) the number of registration certificates issued so far ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (*a*) 8518.

(*b*) The Medical Council will meet shortly for the purpose of registration.

(*c*) The question does not arise in view to answer (*b*).

Grant-in-aid to the Vaidyasala conducted by Vaidyan Mr. M. N. Kesava Pillai.

37. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any representation from the public has been submitted to Government or the Ayurveda Director praying for grant-in-aid being given to the Vaidyasala conducted at Chathangari (illegible) in the Tiruvalla taluk by Vaidyan Mr. M. N. Kesava Pillai ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative the action taken thereon ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (*a*) Yes. The Director of Ayurveda has received a representation.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Ayurveda Vaidyasala at Kunnamthanam.

38. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any representation from the public has been submitted to Government on 29-4-1120 praying for opening a grant-in-aid Ayurveda Vaidyasala at Kunnamthanam in the Tiruvalla taluk ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Public Limited Companies.

39. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased :

(*a*) to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Public Limited Companies that were started during the period of last three years ; and

(*b*) to state the names of those companies along with the names of their managing directors ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : A statement containing the required information is laid on the Secretary's table.

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